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# H. R. 4729

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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treated as a person under Federal law.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF CORPORATION AS A PERSON.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in this section,  
5 a corporation shall not be considered a person under Fed-  
6 eral law for any purpose, including voting, running for of-  
7 fice, or donating funds to a political candidate.

1       (b) EXCLUSIVE LIST OF LAWS APPLICABLE TO COR-  
2   PORATIONS.—A corporation shall be considered a person  
3   under Federal law only for the purposes of—

4           (1) exercising rights to due process;

5           (2) participating in any manner of a civil ac-  
6   tion;

7           (3) participating in a contract;

8           (4) the right to own property; or

9           (5) the ability to declare bankruptcy.

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